

a Prof Watson, with
regard to the American forms.
I believe it will be found
in the future that horticulture
is the best means of proving
the specific validity of
many genera of plants, and
I send you a paper on Tulips
which ~~will~~ ~~be~~ illustrate
this rather forcibly. I shall
be glad to send a copy of the
review when published
I remain

Yours very sincerely
W. H. H.

Elm

Peston House
Circencester
30. 9. 82.

Dear Prof Gray
I am much flattered
by the way in which you
speak of my book, and am
very glad to find it is so
much appreciated. I sent
a copy to the Smithsonian
Institute ~~at~~ about the
time of Prof Henss death,
and have never heard whether
it was safely received in
a complete state. What,

any time you should be
able to make sure of this
I should be obliged. When
with the second part of your
Flora be out. I have only
seen the first. I hope that
in reviewing my book you will
make allowances for the
difficulties I had ~~with~~ in
getting the necessary information
about the ~~rest~~ at that time
very obscure varieties & forms.
of some American birds. and
also of publishing the book
There is no good Scientific

publisher in England strange
to say. and when a private
individual has for the first
time to make all the arrangements
for paper printing & colouring
privately. and has his artist
at a distance. the difficulties
are considerable. I am however
pleased to find that whatever
~~the~~ faults of execution it
may have. the scientific
work has not been questioned
by any later writers. and
also that I have so nearly
come to the same conclusions